Approval letter for formulations

*376. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the price approval letter issued in favour of each formulation being marketed by Abbott, Glaxo, Warner Hindustan, Merck Sharp and Dhome, Fairdeal Corporation, Wyeth and Hoechst under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that price approval letters are issued after verification of permits issued under Drugs and Cosmetics and I(D&R) Act;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-verification of permissions;

(d) what are the names of the products of each company having doubtful validity which are exempted from price control;

(e) what was the price of each pack and strength of each formulation in 1979 and on the 30th June, 1985;

(f) whether it is a fact that there is a fall in production of categories I and II formulations and increase in production of exempted category III items; and

(g) if so, what was the production of each, category-wise, during 1979 and 1984?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Price approval/price revision letters have been issued to the companies referred to under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 for a number of products.

(b) and (c) The price approval letters are issued subject to the condition that the approval are without prejudice to the approval under I(D&R) Act, 1951.

(d) to (g) Requisite details are being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha to the extent available.

Contractors of Paradeep Phosphate Ltd.

*377. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for engaging contractors by the Paradeep Phosphate Ltd., from outside the State even for the construction of roads and buildings without calling for tenders;

(b) whether it is a fact that those contractors have engaged local subcontractors for various works, offering very low rates; on account of which the work of construction of the company is suffering while it is incurring heavy expenditure on the work; and

(c) whether Government propose to institute an independent inquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) M/s. Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) have awarded contracts for construction of roads and buildings, after calling for tenders and to the lowest qualified bidders.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Out of court settlement by the Union Carbide Limited

*378. SHRI H. L. KAPUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Union Carbide Limited are willing to settle out of the court all claims of those who suffered loss of life and property due to Bhopal gas leakage;